



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: USE OF ERYTHROPOIETIN IN THE TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID

**AMENDMENT WITH FILING OF RCE**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Director for the U.S. PTO

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Date: February 9, 2005

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated August 10, 2004, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, the period for response having been extended three months from November 10, 2004, to February 10, 2005, with the filing of the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: